Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted.

7 There was submitted a report by Station Commander Barry Cranstoun, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 1, from 1st April to 30th June 2023, advising

(1) that the Service had attended 1103 fires in the North East Sector during the first quarter of 2023 that had decreased from last year's Quarter 1 by 40 and that the only increase had came from false alarms with a small rise of 19;

(2) that the changes to Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals response from 1st July 2023 would see a significant reduction in the number of false alarm incidents attended by operational crews;

(3) there had been 144 deliberate fires, 162 accidental fires, 59 dwelling fires, 23 non-domestic fires, 325 home safety fire vistits and that there had been no fire fatalities this Quarter 1 in the North East area; and

(4) of the prevention and protection activities carried out by SFRS in the local community as detailed in the report particularly the engagement regarding automated external defibrillators and of the training on how to use the equipment.

After consideration, the Partnership

(a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Barry Cranstoun for the update; and

(b) raised questions in relation to engagement with the local community surrounding the use of other methods of heating due to the energy crisis which Station Commander Cranstoun responded to.